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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**FOUR SENTENCED FOR \$1 MILLION
METH CONSPIRACY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES R. JUDY, 34, Clinton, Indiana, VIRGINIA A. TAYLOR, 40, Terre Haute, Indiana, APRIL L. BLAIR, 25, Terre Haute, Indiana, and CARLOS LINARES-AVILA, 21, Indianapolis, Indiana and Michoacan, Mexico, were sentenced to imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following their guilty pleas to charges that resulted from a three month investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Vigo County Drug Task Force, Terre Haute Police Department, and Vincennes Police Department. The investigation included wire surveillance conducted over four cellular telephones.

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JUDY, TAYLOR and LINARES-AVILA all pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. LINARES-AVILA was also convicted of possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. BLAIR's guilty plea was to establishment of manufacturing operations. Judge Tinder sentenced JUDY to 70 months imprisonment. TAYLOR also received a 70 month sentence. LINARES-AVILA's sentence is 37 months, and BLAIR was sentenced to 46 months imprisonment.

All four were charged in a 20 defendant indictment in September of 2003 for collectively trafficking about \$1 million in Meth. JUDY was an upper-level methamphetamine distributor for the methamphetamine trafficking ring which operated in Terre Haute from December, 2002 through September 19, 2003. TAYLOR was a middle-level distributor in Terre Haute. LINARES-AVILA, who was a courier in the organization operating in Indianapolis and Terre Haute, along with his brother, Ricardo Linares, and Carlos Rodriguez, were arrested along Interstate 70 in Clay County, Indiana on August 27, 2003 in possession of 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine.

BLAIR permitted her husband, Francis Blair, to use their residence that they shared with their two small children to operate a methamphetamine trafficking ring in Terre Haute from December, 2002 through September 19, 2003.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed 4 years supervised release following

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JUDY's release from imprisonment. TAYLOR was sentenced to 5 years supervised release. LINARES-AVILA will serve 3 years supervised release, and Blair received a sentence of 2 years supervised release.

During the period of supervised release, JUDY, TAYLOR and BLAIR will be subject to random searches of their persons, residences, and vehicles. JUDY AND TAYLOR must also undergo random urinalysis. During his period of supervised release, LINARES-AVILA must refrain from reentering the United States.

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